

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A freestanding, portable, extendible mast arranged to support a detection device, comprising a plurality of telescopic sections each being moveable between a stored position, and an extended position, wherein the mast is between 30 and 130 feet in length when all the sections are in the elongated position.
2. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to claim 1 which comprises between 5 and 8 sections.
3. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the sections of the mast are moveable between the stored position and elongated position by hand.
4. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to ~~any of claim~~ claims 1 to 3, wherein the mast further comprises a drive mechanism for moving the sections between the stored and elongated positions.
5. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to claim 4 wherein the drive mechanism is a chain and sprocket wheel apparatus.
6. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, wherein the sections are moveable between the stored and extended positions, one at a time.
7. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising a locking mechanism for locking sections in place once the sections have been moved from the stored position to the extended position.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, further comprising a base.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~An~~ extendible mast according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, upon which a camera is mounted.

10. (Original) An extendible mast comprising a plurality of telescopic sections, moveable between a stored position and an extended position, each section being provided with an longitudinal slot, and an aperture; the mast further comprising a chain and sprocket wheel drive mechanism for extending the sections, the chain including a linker for connecting the chain to the section to be extended.

11. (Original) The extendible mast according to claim 10 wherein the linker comprises a body and an aperture, and wherein use, a pin is inserted through the linker aperture into the aperture in the section to be extended.

12. (Original) An extendible mast substantially as described herein, with reference to the drawings.